

In the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1       1. (currently pending) A method of preventing theft of an electronic device having a power  
2       source interface, a power activation member, and internal power source and a programmable  
3       control system, comprising the steps of:

4           a.       monitoring power to said device;  
5           b.       if loss of power, set disconnect register and shut down system;  
6           c.       upon restoration of power and activation request entry of password  
7           d.       if power upon activation, request entry of password  
8           e.       if password verified go to “i” and reset disconnect register  
9           f.       if password not verified request password  
10          g.       repeat step “h” for a predetermined number of times  
11          h.       if password not verified, shut down system totally.  
12          i.       operate device and go to “a”

13       wherein said programmable control system prevents activation of said device after said  
14       total loss of power without said password.

1       2.       (currently pending) The method of claim 1 wherein said password is user programmable.  
1       3.       (currently pending) The method of claim 1 wherein said power is AC.  
1       4.       (currently pending) The method of claim 1 wherein said power is DC.  
1       5.       (currently pending) The method of claim 1 wherein said programmable control system  
2       further comprises a sensor.

1 6. (currently pending) The method of claim 5 wherein said sensor is in said power source  
2 interface and detects loss of power from removal of said power source interface from a power  
3 source.

1 7. (currently pending) The method of claim 5 wherein said sensor detects loss of power with  
2 said power source interface remaining adjacent to said power source.

1 8. (currently pending) The method of claim 5 wherein said sensor is a motion sensor in said  
2 device, said motion sensor detecting movement of said device and setting said disconnect  
3 register.

1 9. (currently pending) The method of claim 1 wherein said programmable control system  
2 interacts with an alarm, the shut down of said system activating said alarm.

1 10. (currently pending) The method of claim 9 wherein said alarm interacts with a household  
2 alarm system.

1 11. (currently pending) The method of claim 10 wherein said programmable control system  
2 further comprises a transceiver, said transceiver interacting with a transceiver in said household  
3 alarm system and separation of said transceivers beyond a predetermined distance activates said  
4 household alarm system.

1 12. (currently pending) The method of claim 1 wherein said programmable control system  
2 further containing programmable functions, said programmable functions remaining  
3 programmed within said programmable control system after loss of power.

1       13. (currently pending) A method of preventing theft of an electronic device having an  
2       exterior case, a power source interface, a power activation member and a programmable control  
3       system, comprising the steps of:  
4           a. monitoring power  
5           b. noting a power fluctuation  
6           c. determining if said power fluctuation is a decrease or an increase in power  
7           d. if decrease, and normal use, continuing monitoring said power,  
8           e. if decrease and total loss, set disconnect register and shut down system;  
9           f. if increase, set disconnect register and shut down system;  
10          g. upon restoration of power and activation check disconnect register  
11          h. if disconnect register is set, request entry of password  
12          i. if password verified reset disconnect register  
13          j. activate device  
14          k. if password not verified request password  
15          l. Repeat step "k" for a predetermined number of times  
16          m. if password not verified, shut down system totally.  
1       14. (currently pending) The method of claim 13 wherein said power is AC.  
1       15. (currently pending) The method of claim 13 wherein said power is DC.  
1       16. (currently pending) The method of claim 12 wherein said programmable control system  
2       further comprises a sensor.

1 17. (currently pending) The method of claim 16 wherein said sensor is in said power source  
2 interface and detects total loss of power from removal of said power source interface from a  
3 power source.

1 18. (currently pending) The method of claim 16 wherein said sensor detects total loss of  
2 power with said power source interface remaining adjacent to said power source.

1 19. (currently pending) The method of claim 17 wherein said sensor is a motion sensor in  
2 said device, said motion sensor detecting movement of said device and setting said disconnect  
3 register.

1 20. (currently pending) The method of claim 13 wherein said programmable control system  
2 interacts with an alarm, the shut down of said system activating said alarm.

1 21. (currently pending) The method of claim 20 wherein said alarm interacts with a  
2 household alarm system.

1 22. (currently pending) The method of claim 21 wherein said programmable control system  
2 further comprises a transceiver, said transceiver interacting with a transceiver in said household  
3 alarm system and separation of said transceivers beyond a predetermined distance activates said  
4 household alarm system.

1 23. (currently pending) The method of claim 13 wherein said programmable control system  
2 further containing programmable functions, said programmable functions remaining  
3 programmed within said programmable control system after total loss of power.

1 24. (Once Amended) The method of activating a time based, password protected electronic  
2 device having a power source interface, a power activation member and a programmable control  
3 system, comprising the steps of:

4 a. programming said programmable control system as to accepted passwords;  
5 b. activating said electronic device, said electronic device commencing normal start up;  
6 c. showing a password reentry indicator requesting password reentry;  
7 d. placing said device into override mode;  
8 e. indicating said electronic device will deactivate within a preprogrammed period of  
9 time;  
10 f. entering a password;  
11 g. checking said password with said accepted passwords;  
12 h. if said password is accepted, activating said electronic device;  
13 i. if said password is not accepted, requesting reentry for a preprogrammed number of  
14 times;  
15 j. if said accepted password not entered within said preprogrammed number of times,  
16 deactivating said device.  
17 k. if password is accepted said device runs for said preprogrammed time period;  
18 l. entering override mode at the end of said preprogrammed time period  
19 m. repeating steps e – j.

1 25. (currently pending) The method of claim 24 wherein said indicator of claim is visible.  
1 26. (currently pending) The method of claim 24 wherein said indicator is audible.

1 27. (currently pending) The method of claim 24 wherein said preprogrammed period of time  
2 is user programmable.

1 28. (Once Amended) A control system and theft prevention for electronic devices, said  
2 control system having:

3 a. at least two electronic devices, each of said at least two electronic devices being in  
4 communication with the other of said at least two electronic devices,  
5 b. at least one user access code,  
6 c. an activation/deactivation member;  
7 d. at least one programmable feature;  
8 e. a user programmable feature selection member, said user programmable feature  
9 selection member enabling said at least one programmable feature to be selected by said  
10 user,

11 f. at least one user programmable feature activation time period, said user programmable  
12 feature activation time period set by a user for each of said at least one programmable feature,

13 g. input means, said input means to enter said user access code, said programmable  
14 feature selection and said programmable feature activation time period;

15 h. an internal control member, said control member being in direct communication with  
16 said input means, said programmable feature activation time period and said programmable  
17 feature selection member and controlling operation of said equipment by controlling access to  
18 one or more of said programmable features based upon user selection of said programmable  
19 feature and said programmable feature activation time,

20                   i. a master program, said master program being on at least one of said at least two  
21 electronic devices,

22                   j. communication means, said communication means enabling said communication  
23 between said master program and another of said at least one electronic equipment,  
24 wherein programmable commands entered into said master program can be transmitted to  
25 each of said at least one electronic equipment.

1   29. (currently pending) The control system of claim 28 wherein said communication means is  
2 wireless.

1   30. (currently pending) The control system of claim 28 wherein said communication means is  
2 hard wired.

1   31. (currently pending) The control system of claim 28 wherein said programmable period of  
2 time is based on the completion of a unit.

1   32. (currently pending) The control system of claim 28 wherein upon activation said internal  
2 control member checks for a change in said preprogrammed period of time.

1   33. (currently pending) The control system of claim 28 further comprising a password default  
2 code to enable a new password to be obtained.